# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2186
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PRICE MONITORING BOARD
Ajaya Kumar Shri S.

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has constituted a "High Powered Price Monitoring Board" to monitor the commodity prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the constitution and area of operation of the Board;

(c) whether the Government has imposed a ban on export of potato, tomato and other vegetables and fruits on the recommendation of the Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The High Powered Price Monitoring Board (HPPMB) was constituted in December 1998 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. The other Members of HPPMB are Finance Secretary, and Secretaries of Departments of Economic Affairs, Revenue, Agriculture and Cooperation, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Road Transport and Highways, Commerce, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Food Processing Industries, Rural Development, Secretary to the Prime Minister, Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, Chairman, Railway Board, and Director General, India Meteorological Department. The functions of HPPMB are to review all aspects relating to prices and availability of essential commodities and make recommendations to the Cabinet Committee on Prices.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.